

22nd November 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your attendance at the recent Parents' Evening, your support is very much appreciated. Your child should be working hard and revising for their impending mock examinations, which start this week.

The main reason for this letter is to share information regarding the forthcoming GCSE examinations in Summer 2022. It is important that you read and understand this information.

Adaptations to the GCSE Examinations

There have been a small number of changes to the delivery of GCSEs for Summer 2022:

- The content in English Literature, History and Geography has been reduced. Pupils have revision lists that reflect this
- In Art & Design there will be no exam. Pupils will complete their non-exam assessments in line with the 2022 requirements
- Pupils in other GCSE subjects will be given advance information about the focus of the content of the exams to support their revision. Guidance will be published in February 2022
- Pupils taking GCSE mathematics will be given copies of formulae they would in other years have to memorise
- Pupils taking GCSE Physics and Combined Science will be given a sheet with the equations they might need to apply in the exams

Contingency Plans for GCSEs in Summer 2022

The government is committed to exams going ahead in Summer 2022. Ofqual has published information which includes contingency plans in the unlikely event that exams are cancelled. Below are some key points from this documentation:

- If exams are cancelled, Ofqual plans to use Teacher Assessed Grades [TAGs]
- Collecting evidence for TAGs will involve assessment during second half of the Autumn term 2021, Spring term 2022 and the first half of the summer term 2022
- At the planned assessment points, pupils will be assessed on a wide range of content, similar to that which they will expect in their summer exams, and across the assessment objectives for the qualification.
- Teachers will retain the assessments as evidence of pupils' attainment

Implications for Y11 pupils doing mock examinations

- If exams were cancelled, **November mock performance would be used as part of the evidence to determine a TAG**
- Therefore, it is essential pupils revise and prepare well for the mock examinations

Advice for mock examinations

- Pupils must ensure that they attend school and complete all mock examinations

- Pupils must have revision materials with them in school so they can revise in between exams
- If a pupil has Covid symptoms, they must not come into school. Parents must contact school immediately and book a PCR test
- Alternative arrangements will be made by our Exams Officer, Mrs Jewsbury

Revision help

Your child has access to numerous resources to aid revision. For GCSE Pod, your child needs to log in, and they will have access to all the award-winning content and features to help your child with their GCSEs. For Hegarty Maths, your child needs to log in with their unique login and password, and they have access to the full maths curriculum. If your child has forgotten their logins, please contact Ms Oldbury for GCSE Pod and Ms. Khan for Hegarty Maths.

Finally

The mock exams are an opportunity for your child to show what they know. Careful preparation and a positive attitude are the key ingredients for success. We wish all our Y11 pupils 'Good Luck' in the forthcoming mock examinations.

Yours sincerely,

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